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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced continuation application please  
modify the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

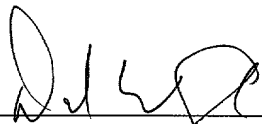
Please cancel claims 2-64 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-64 have been canceled without prejudice. The only pending claim (claim 1) is included in the attached Appendix. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendment prior to examination of the case on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX

1. Isolated and purified Cyr61, and biologically active fragments, variants, analogs, homologs, and derivatives thereof.